

**Introduced by Senator Hueso**

June 14, 2016

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to the San Salvador replica.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 153, as introduced, Hueso. Maritime Museum of San Diego: San Salvador replica.

This measure would recognize and commend the Maritime Museum of San Diego for its continuing dedication to preserving, interpreting, and teaching the rich maritime history of California while upholding a worldwide reputation for excellence with regard to the restoration, maintenance, and operation of historic vessels, particularly the San Salvador replica.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Spanish galleon San Salvador was explorer  
2 Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's flagship vessel, and during his 1542  
3 expeditionary voyage, the San Salvador, in the company of two  
4 other ships, landed at what is now the City of San Diego and  
5 established first contact with the indigenous peoples of the  
6 California coast, and Cabrillo and his crew became the first  
7 Europeans to set foot on the Pacific coast of the United States; and  
8 WHEREAS, The Maritime Museum of San Diego's mission is  
9 to serve as the community memory of our seafaring experience by  
10 collecting, preserving, and presenting our rich maritime heritage  
11 via a world-class collection of 10 historic vessels, exhibitions,  
12 public events, and educational programs; and

1 WHEREAS, In pursuit of this mission, the Maritime Museum  
2 of San Diego sought to build a full-sized, fully functional, and  
3 historically accurate replica of the San Salvador to create a living  
4 link between California's past and present, that would serve as a  
5 community memory of the region's seafaring experience and  
6 present its rich and diverse maritime heritage and historic  
7 connections to the Pacific world; and

8 WHEREAS, After years of research and fundraising for the  
9 construction of a functional and historically accurate replica of the  
10 San Salvador, the Maritime Museum of San Diego hosted an  
11 international symposium in 2004, at which time experts were  
12 enlisted to evaluate the design of the vessel, and in the spring of  
13 2011, construction began in full view of the public at Spanish  
14 Landing Park in the City of San Diego; and

15 WHEREAS, The construction of the San Salvador replica is  
16 based on painstaking research in the fields of early modern Spanish  
17 and Portuguese maritime history and maritime archeology, and  
18 experts have scoured volumes of historical narratives, examined  
19 all the available images of early sixteenth-century sailing vessels,  
20 and surveyed the remains of contemporary shipwrecks; and to  
21 execute this vision, the Maritime Museum of San Diego engaged  
22 a group of skilled professional boat builders, who were assisted  
23 by scores of regular volunteers; and

24 WHEREAS, Most of the labor was performed by volunteers  
25 who believed they could learn to build a ship and almost 500  
26 volunteers from around the world devoted their time, energy, and  
27 talents to building the ship; and

28 WHEREAS, On September 4, 2015, during the Festival of Sail,  
29 the San Salvador replica was commissioned; and

30 WHEREAS, The San Salvador replica will function as the origin  
31 symbol ship for California and commemorate the voyage of the  
32 original San Salvador which, through its voyage into the unknown  
33 parts of the ocean, provided vital geographic, climatic, and  
34 oceanographic information on the Pacific Ocean; and

35 WHEREAS, Beginning in the fall of 2016, as an operational  
36 vessel, the San Salvador replica will be used in Cabrillo discovery  
37 reenactments and outreach voyages to other ports and the museum  
38 will partner with other educational facilities and museums, and  
39 the ship's presence will also enable the Maritime Museum of San  
40 Diego to implement a teacher training institute, where teachers

1 can attend California standards-based seminars on the discovery  
2 of the western coast and the age of exploration; and

3 WHEREAS, The vessel's maiden voyage will be known as the  
4 San Salvador Pacific Heritage Tour and will travel from San Diego  
5 to other California ports of call in Ventura, Monterey, San  
6 Francisco, Vallejo, Jack London Square, Old Sacramento, Morro  
7 Bay, and the Channel Islands; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of the San Salvador replica is to  
9 embody our community origin story by presenting the life and  
10 times of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the historic voyage of the San  
11 Salvador, our place in the beginnings of the modern world, and  
12 first contact between Europeans and Native American peoples of  
13 the west coast of North America; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes and commends  
16 the Maritime Museum of San Diego for its continuing dedication  
17 to preserving, interpreting, and teaching the rich maritime history  
18 of California while upholding a worldwide reputation for  
19 excellence with regard to the restoration, maintenance, and  
20 operation of historic vessels, particularly the San Salvador replica  
21 that will soon set sail; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
23 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.